

distinction of serving as Majority Leader. His legislative accomplishments are many and varied. He wrote the first campaign reform law restricting campaign spending and establishing public financing. He drafted watershed sexual assault legislation that prohibited the cross examination of a victim's past consensual sexual conduct—legislation which quickly became a national model. And he authored legislation which barred utilities from suspending or terminating service in the middle of winter.

Justice Bablitch was elected to the Supreme Court in 1983 and was re-elected in 1993. One of his most notable opinions came in a dissent where he upheld Wisconsin's hate crimes law. His dissent, however, became the majority position of the United States Supreme Court when that body upheld Wisconsin's law. He wrote opinions strengthening Wisconsin's "lemon law." He also authored important opinions in civil rights and environmental cases. Justice Bablitch's tenure will be remembered for his ability to resolve complex issues of great importance to every resident of Wisconsin.

On July 31 of this year, Justice Bablitch will step down from his position on the Court. With his long career in public service and his demonstrated devotion to the law, it is nearly certain that Justice Bablitch will not be closing the book on his career—only ending another distinguished chapter. Yet on this occasion, we would be remiss if we did not thank him for his outstanding contributions, for his dedication and for his even-handedness on the bench.

Let me close by quoting Justice Bablitch himself: "Law is the glue that holds our society together. Without law we have chaos." Wisconsin owes him a debt of gratitude for devoting his career to being the glue.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DON WILLIAMS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise to honor my friend Don Williams on his last day presiding as Executive Director of the Fort Knox CORE Committee meeting in Kentucky. Since the inception of the CORE Committee in 1992, Don spent 4 years as Chairman and the past 7 years as Executive Director of the committee up until his retirement at the end of this month. Fortunately, Don will continue to serve as a member of the CORE Committee and add his valuable insights and expertise on Army issues pertaining to Fort Knox.

Don has advocated on the behalf of Fort Knox on the local, State, and Federal levels for many years. After 28 years of service in Army infantry and armor units and high-level staff assignments, Colonel Williams retired from the Army in 1990 as Chief of Staff at Fort Knox. During his last role in active duty as Chief of Staff, Don became very active in the local communities surrounding Fort Knox. As a private citizen, Don has continued to promote

the future vitality and importance of Fort Knox and the economic development of the base's surrounding communities.

Don has accomplished many great achievements over his life. He received his BA and later his MA in political science from the University of Massachusetts. He has taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy and he spent 5 years at the Pentagon on the Army staff and later as Secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After his retirement from the Army, Don served as senior vice president of Bank One, Central Kentucky; vice chairman of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; and important roles with the Association of the United States Army and the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. Don has worn just about every important military/civilian relations hat in Kentucky and he has worn them all with the dedication and dignity of a soldier and a gentleman.

I ask my colleagues to honor Colonel Williams' service to the U.S. Army, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our great Nation. While Don may be relinquishing his duties as Executive Director of the CORE Committee, I look forward to continuing to work with him on important projects to both Fort Knox and its surrounding communities. Don is a great Kentuckian and a good friend. I thank the Senate for allowing me to laud his praises.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER KEITH P. THOMPSON

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Officer Keith P. Thompson of the Omaha Police Department on his selection as Officer of the Month for March 2003 by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

After receiving his initial training in law enforcement as military police officer in the U.S. Army, Officer Thompson joined the Omaha Police Department where he served the people of Omaha honorably until a tragic event occurred on August 28, 1996.

On that day a stolen vehicle collided with Officer Thompson's cruiser. Miraculously, both he and his partner, Officer Mark Negrete, survived the crash. While Officer Negrete escaped with only minor injuries, the accident left Officer Thompson in a coma for 20 days. Against all odds, he survived the collision, the coma, and the surgery that followed, but complications left him paralyzed.

It would have been easy for Officer Thompson to give up on his law enforcement career at that point. But instead, he fought back through months of grueling therapy, battling paralysis, memory loss, and difficulties with his speech.

After rejuvenating his memory and fine motor skills, Officer Thompson enrolled in Goodwill's Head Injury Rehabilitation and Employment, or HIRE, program where he mastered computer

keyboarding. Through it all, Officer Thompson's wife Ann and their three children believed in him and were at his side helping him overcome the challenges and obstacles that had been set in his path.

On September 25, 1997, less than 13 months after the accident, Officer Thompson returned to duty at Omaha's Central Police Headquarters. He currently serves as the first line in non-emergency communications with the community as part of the Information Service Unit's Telephone Response Squad. He also speaks regularly to recruit classes about the dangers of high-speed pursuits.

Officer Thompson serves his community every day he goes to work, but he also serves as an inspiration to all those who meet him or hear his story. He is living proof that with courage, determination, and heart, all obstacles can be overcome.

I congratulate Mr. Thompson on the recognition he has deservedly received. It is truly an honor for him, his family, the Omaha Police Department, and the State of Nebraska.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PERIODIC REPORT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN WHICH WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12170—PM 32

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

#### *To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 14, 2003.